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Re: Advisory opinion requested on Tier 2.1 filing

Good afternoon Ms. Wimberley,

I am requesting an advisory opinion on behalf of our employee, Jessica Deville, and any future Department of Transportation and Development appointments to the Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Louisiana, and whether personal financial disclosure forms are required to be filed.

Ms. Deville formerly appeared on the Louisiana Legislature's Boards and Commissions website as our Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)'s contact for the Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Louisiana, a commission created under the authority of La. R.S. 48:101(A). To my knowledge, this commission is inactive according to the Division of Administration website at <https://wwwprd.doa.louisiana.gov/boardsandcommissions/viewBoard.cfm?board=314>, has no gubernatorial appointees from DOTD listed on the Louisiana Legislature website, and has no budgetary authority.

Would you please advise whether Ms. Deville, our former DOTD contact for this inactive commission, is required to file a Tier 2.1 personal financial disclosure form? And would you please advise whether any DOTD appointment on this commission is required to file a financial disclosure form? While we are waiting on a response to our request for an advisory opinion on these issues, would you please postpone the deadline for Ms. Deville's filing, without any legal or financial repercussion to her should you determine she is required to file?

Thank you,

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Cc: Jessica Deville    Mary Utz    Adriane McRae

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